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NEWS.

A CHAIR OF BACTERIOLOGY in the University of Edinburgh has been endowed by the will of Mr. Robert Irvine.

PROFESSOR FLAHAULT, the well known botanist at Montpellier, has been chosen Chevalier of the Légion d'Honneur.

DR. JOHANNES CHRISTOPH KLINGE, of the botanical gardens at St. Petersburg, recently died at the age of fifty-one.

DR. C. S. BELLI, formerly of Turin, has been appointed professor of botany and director of the botanical gardens at Cagliari.

DR. F. CAVARA, formerly of Cagliari, has been appointed professor of botany and director of the botanical gardens at Catania.

A VERY INTERESTING ACCOUNT of the palm trees of Brazil has been published in *Popular Science Monthly* for March by Professor John C. Branner of Stanford University.

DR. B. E. FERNOW, director of the New York State College of Forestry, will deliver a course of lectures on forestry at the University of California in the coming summer session.

PROFESSOR G. POIRAULT, director of the laboratory at Villa Thuret, has been elected professor at l'École Nationale d'Horticulture de Versailles in place of Professor Cornu, deceased.

THE DANISH GOVERNMENT, which has done so much for the exploration of western Greenland, has sent a party to the east coast for the purpose of botanical exploration. Dr. Kruuse is the director of the expedition.

THE SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING of the British Association for the Advancement of Science will be held at Belfast, beginning September 10. The president of the botanical section is Professor J. Reynolds Green.

THE ADDRESS of Dr. Erwin F. Smith as president of the New York meeting of the Society of Plant Morphology and Physiology, on "Plant pathology: a retrospect and prospect," is published in *Science* for April 18.

ATTENTION is called to the rules for citation printed on the page following the table of contents. It is to be hoped that every contributor, at least of leading articles, will be guided by them in his preparation of manuscript.

THE STOKES PRIZE for the best essay on the preservation of our native flora has been awarded for the current year to Dr. F. H. Knowlton. The

essay is printed in the March number of the Journal of the New York Botanical Garden.

PROFESSOR E. ZACHARIAS, formerly director of the botanic gardens in Hamburg, has been appointed director of the Government Botanical Institute of Hamburg, comprising botanical garden, museum, and laboratory for economic work.

PROFESSOR B. D. HALSTED has been compelled to give up his work for a time on account of illness, and as a consequence will not be able to give the presidential address at the meeting of the Botanical Society of America at Pittsburg.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR CUMMINGS has been placed in charge of the department of botany at Wellesley College since the retirement of Professor Hallowell from active service, and all correspondence intended for the department should be addressed to the former.

PROFESSOR A. N. BERLESE, professor of botany in the University of Sassari, has been appointed professor of vegetable pathology in the school of Agriculture at Milan. He is succeeded by Professor G. B. DeToni, now of the University of Camerino.

GEBRÜDER BORNTAEGER announce a second edition of Warming's *Lehrbuch der ökologischen Pflanzengeographie*, revised and brought up to date by Dr. Paul Graebner, whose previous ecological studies amply equip him for a work of this importance.

THE ELEVENTH SESSION of the Hopkins Seaside Laboratory, in connection with Stanford University, will begin June 9. The following courses in botany will be given by Dr. A. A. Lawson: Elementary botany, Introduction to the study of seaweeds, Plant cytology and microtechnique.

THE HARVARD STATION in Cuba, at Colonia Limones, about twenty miles from Cienfuegos, is testing the possibility of repeating in the climate of Cuba the well-known Javan studies in the pollination of sugar-cane. The work is in charge of Robert M. Grey, an experienced hybridizer.

DR. D. T. MACDOUGAL, of the New York Botanical Garden, has returned from his trip to Arizona and Sonora with an extensive collection of giant cacti and other xerophytes for the garden. Dr. N. L. Britton, Director of the garden, has gone on a collecting trip to Cuba; and Professor F. S. Earle is also collecting for the garden in New Mexico and Texas.

IN THE SUMMER of 1902 two ecological expeditions will be sent out from the University of Chicago. Dr. H. C. Cowles will conduct a party to Mt. Katahdin and the coast of Maine at the close of the session of the Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory. Mr. Harry N. Whitford will conduct a party to Flathead Lake and the Montana Rocky mountains during the month of August.

A PRICE LIST of botanical laboratory supplies, recently published by the Marine Biological Laboratory, may be obtained from Mr. George M. Gray, Woods Hole, Mass. Special emphasis is given to marine algae, which are sold in sets mounted on cards for demonstration purposes, and also as preserved material for the laboratory. Types of fresh water algae, fungi, mosses, and liverworts are also offered.

A LIST of economic and other fungi prepared for distribution by the Division of Vegetable Pathology and Physiology has been published, prepared by Flora A. Patterson. Each state agricultural experiment station is invited to select fifty specimens from the list, and all over fifty may be considered as in exchange. The benefits of this exchange are extended also to all who are interested in the study of fungi from the economic standpoint.

IN THE LATTER PART of March Professor C. B. Davenport and Dr. H. C. Cowles of the University of Chicago conducted a party of students to the gulf coast of Mississippi. The party was joined by Professor S. M. Coulter of Washington University, Dr. W. S. Leathers of the University of Mississippi, and Mr. S. M. Tracy of Biloxi, Mississippi. Valuable collections were made of plant and animal material, and a considerable number of representative photographs were obtained.

IN *Ber. Deut. Bot. Gesells.* for March 10 biographical notices of six deceased members of the society appear. The notice of ALBERT BERNHARD FRANK, who died September 27, 1900, at the age of 61, is prepared by Friedrich Krüger; that of ROBERT HEGLER, who died September 29, 1900, at the age of 33, by G. Karsten; that of KARL DUFFT, who died October 11, 1900, at the age of 75, by Carl Holtermann; that of SSERGEI IWANOWITSCH KORSHINSKY, who died December 18, 1900, at the age of 39, by G. Tanfiljew; that of MAXIME CORNU, who died April 3, 1901, at the age of 57, by P. Magnus; and that of A. F. WILHELM SCHIMPER, who died September 9, 1901, at the age of 45, by H. Schenck. The last notice is accompanied by a portrait.